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St Peter Port Capital Limited ("the Company"), established with the aim of generating value by investing in growth companies, immediately prior to an initial public offering ("IPO"), today announces that its shares have begun unconditional trading on AIM.

Key highlights

- £75m raised for new pre IPO Fund
- Strong institutional investor appetite
- £10 million subscribed by founding investors in Ordinary Shares at the Placing Price
- Shore Capital acted as placing agent and stockbroker to the Company, Deloitte & Touche LLP acting as nominated adviser

Bob Morton, Chairman of St Peter Port Capital Limited, said:

"We are delighted with the investor appetite shown in St Peter Port Capital. We have assembled a strong and experienced team to exploit this opportunity."

Commenting on the flotation, Tim Childs, Chief Executive Officer of St Peter Port Capital Limited, said:

"We offer our shareholders a unique opportunity to invest in a broad range of growth companies immediately prior to IPO which we hope will generate high returns for shareholders"

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Notes to Editors

Introduction

The Company, a Guernsey registered, closed-ended investment company will invest in growth companies, predominantly immediately prior to an IPO.

The Company's objective is to achieve returns from the uplift on or shortly after IPO, but the exit from the investment could also be a trade sale. The universe for investment will principally be companies expecting to conduct an IPO in the months after the Company's investment. Investment will be made across a broad range of sectors and geography. The initial focus will be on companies targeting UK, US and Commonwealth stock markets although pre-IPO companies looking to float on other exchanges will also be considered. The Company has appointed St Peter Port Investment Management Limited to act as its investment manager ("Investment Manager").

The Investment Manager

St Peter Port Investment Management Limited is a joint venture between Broughton Investments Group Limited ("Broughton"), a company in which Tim Childs is interested, and Shore Capital. Tim Childs and Shore Capital have an especially strong track record in generating value through investment in growth companies. Further information on Broughton and Shore Capital is set out at the end of this press release. The Investment Manager will manage the Company's portfolio actively with the aim of achieving its investment objective. Initially, whilst suitable investments are being identified, the Investment Manager will seek to

minimise cash drag by investing a significant proportion of the net proceeds of the Placing in absolute return products intended to generate a positive return, principally hedge funds and funds of hedge funds.

The investment opportunity

The Investment Manager believes that there are a large and growing number of investment opportunities which offer attractive returns from providing later stage financing of private companies which are expecting to undertake an IPO in the short to medium term. The Company will benefit from the increasing number of companies using financial advisers and brokers based in London as their IPO advisers, on AIM and other markets such as Euronext. The Company may also benefit from periods when IPOs become more difficult or risky to undertake, as this is expected by the Directors to generate opportunities to invest on attractive terms in companies otherwise ready to undertake an IPO.

The Investment Manager has extensive experience of investment in small to mid-sized companies to produce above average returns for investors. The Directors believe that this experience will provide the Company with access to a wide network of contacts, including other investment banks, stockbrokers, investment boutiques and professional advisers, which should ensure a good deal flow. In addition, to increase the potential pipeline, the Investment Manager intends to meet smaller companies, a number of which may be suitable for investment.

Investment strategy

St Peter Port Investment Management Limited will aim to build a diversified portfolio of growing small to mid-sized companies which are seeking to achieve an IPO within a reasonably short time horizon. It is intended that investments will be opportunistic and not sector or regionally focused and that they will typically be passive in nature.

It is intended that the net proceeds of the Placing will be used to build a portfolio of investments of in the region of forty companies over the next twelve to eighteen months. The Investment Manager will actively manage the Company's portfolio to enhance returns for Shareholders, with an emphasis on realising gains in the medium term. The Investment Manager will seek, in the short term, to minimise cash drag by investing a significant proportion of the

net proceeds of the Placing in a range of absolute return products intended to generate a positive return, principally hedge funds and funds of hedge funds.

The funds invested will typically be used to provide the investee company with the working capital and finance needed for expansion before the relevant business proceeds to an IPO. The Directors anticipate that the Company's investment will typically be through convertible loan notes which will convert into equity upon flotation, through direct equity, or a combination of both.

The investment strategy provides that investments may be opportunistic in their nature. Where it believes that there is a good business case for investment, the Investment Manager will not necessarily limit investments to opportunities which display all or any of the above characteristics. The Investment Manager may, for example, invest in quoted companies (for example, where a company becomes a shell and is about to make a major acquisition).

Directors

The Board is chaired by Bob Morton (currently Chairman of five quoted companies) and also includes Tim Childs (experienced investor and entrepreneur), Graham Shore (Managing Director of Shore Capital Group plc), Simon Bourge (Managing Director of the Bourse Fiduciary Group) and Peter Griffin (director of the trust company division of Fortis Reads in Guernsey).

Dividends

Initially, it is not intended that dividends will be paid to Shareholders. However, the Directors may pay dividends in the future depending on the availability of distributable reserves, cash resources and the working capital requirements of the Company.

Any dividends or other distributions made to Shareholders will be paid in Sterling.

Promoters' commitments to invest

Broughton Limited, Southwind Limited (a company in which the Morton family is interested) and Shore Capital Trading Limited have committed to invest £2.5 million, £2.5 million and £5 million respectively in the Company pursuant to the

Placing.

About Broughton Investments

Broughton and Broughton Investments are both wholly owned by the trustees of The Timothy Childs Life Interest Settlement, a trust of which Tim Childs is the settlor and a beneficiary. For the purposes only of ease of reference in this Document, all references to Tim Childs shall, where applicable, include Broughton and/or Broughton Investments and/or the trustees of The Timothy Childs Life Interest Settlement.

Broughton, and a predecessor vehicle in which Tim Childs was also interested, have been investing in unquoted companies since 1994, on the basis of deals sourced by Tim Childs (the actual investment decisions being made by the directors of Broughton). In the early/mid 1990's, Broughton focused its unquoted investing on the bio-tech sector, concentrating on information technology and internet related companies in the later 1990's and 2000. After the bursting of the 'tech bubble' in the latter part of 2000, Broughton changed its investment emphasis and since then has principally undertaken pre-IPO investing, an area in which it has proved successful and has achieved high returns.

In sourcing unquoted investments over this period of more than a decade, Tim Childs has developed an extensive network of introducers of transactions who regularly bring him deals. The Investment Manager expects to draw upon this network for the benefit of the Company.

About Shore Capital

Shore Capital Limited is a smaller companies fund management specialist. The team at Shore Capital has many years of experience and currently manages approximately US\$2.3 billion in a combination of alternative assets and private client portfolios.

Shore Capital Limited has a strong track record of over 10 years of investing in smaller quoted and unquoted companies and delivering consistent returns, both in periods of strong performance of smaller companies generally and where market conditions have been more challenging. Puma I, a growth capital fund managed by Shore Capital, delivered net returns to investors, after all costs, of 76.1 per cent. per annum over the period from May 1996 to August 2000 (when the fund was

liquidated and wound up). Puma II, the second fund launched by Shore Capital in the growth capital area in October 1999, notwithstanding very challenging market conditions, achieved an overall growth in net assets per share (after all expenses but prior to founders' carried interest) of 71.3 per cent. to 28 February 2007, outperforming the FTSE AIM Index by more than 89.5 per cent. over the same period. Both of these Puma funds have invested in portfolio companies which contained elements which would fit with the investment strategy of the Company.

Over the 65 months to February 2007, Shore Capital's portfolio of hedge fund holdings has achieved a 12.3 per cent. per annum internal rate of return, before management and performance fees. Over the same period the fund has produced an annualised volatility of 4.5 per cent. per annum. To 28 February 2007, the Puma Absolute Return Fund ('PARF'), launched in May 2003 as a fund of hedge funds, and listed on the Dublin Stock Exchange, delivered a gain to investors of 49.5 per cent. since inception, before management and performance fees.

Directors of the Company

Arthur Leonard Robert Morton (aged 65), Chairman

Bob is a Chartered Accountant, who has been a substantial investor on his own behalf in a number of AIM companies. He is currently Chairman of five quoted companies: Harrier Group PLC, Vislink PLC, Armour Group PLC, Lorien PLC and Tenon Group PLC. He is also a director of a large number of private companies.

Timothy Erling Childs (aged 45), Chief Executive Officer

Tim is an experienced investor and entrepreneur across a range of sectors. He was a founder, Chairman and Chief Executive of Gatehouse Leasing Limited, a Dublin-based lease finance company, which was subsequently sold to an investment group, and in turn acquired by the Bank of Scotland. He also served as Managing Director of Private Equity Investor plc, an investment trust fund of technology funds from February 2000 to November 2004. He has been involved in pre-IPO investing since 1994.

Graham Barry Shore (aged 50), Director

Graham is a former partner of Touche Ross (now Deloitte & Touche) and was responsible for the London practice advising the telecommunications and new media industries. At Touche Ross he undertook strategic and economic assignments for a wide range of clients including appraisals of venture capital

opportunities. In 1990, Graham joined Shore Capital as Managing Director, and has been involved in managing Shore Capital-promoted investment funds Puma I, the JellyWorks portfolio, Puma II and the Puma VCTs. This has involved the evaluation of new deals and representing the funds with investee companies. Graham has been involved with AIM since its inception as both a corporate financier and investor and with private equity for more than 20 years.

Simon Charles Bourge (aged 46), Director

Simon is a qualified barrister with an MA from Cambridge and practised as a lawyer in Bristol for 15 years. He moved to Guernsey in 1998, where he is Managing Director of the Bourse Fiduciary Group and is involved in all aspects of business development and service delivery with a particular emphasis on tax structuring for foreign and expatriate private clients, collectives and companies. Simon is also a Director of Ptarmigan Property PLC, the AIM-listed UK property trading company, as well as Montier Asset Management Limited, a Dublin-listed absolute return fund of funds, and its related CISX-listed fund and feeder fund. Simon is also a director of the Guildhall Managed Fund, an open-ended macro-economic event driven fund and currently serves as Vice President of the Guernsey International Legal Association.

Peter Francis Griffin (aged 48), Director

An economics graduate from Leeds University, Peter qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Coopers & Lybrand in Manchester in 1982. Since 1984 he has worked in the offshore financial services sector in a number of jurisdictions and is presently a director of the trust company division of Fortis Reads in Guernsey. Fortis Reads is a group subsidiary of Fortis Group and is one of the largest trust service providers in Guernsey. Peter's employment history includes periods as a Partner with accountants Reads & Co/Robson Rhodes in the Isle of Man, as a director of CMI Trust Company (a Halifax Bank of Scotland group company) in the Isle of Man, and as Managing Director of Fairbairn Trust Company (an Old Mutual group company) in Guernsey.

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